

Instructional Technology Committee

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Putnam/Northern Westchester School Library System More than Books!

At the March Instructional Technology Committee meeting, John Monahan was kind enough to come share some of the resources that are available through the Putnam/Northern Westchester School Library System. John discussed the “**Super 7 Search Tools**”, which include:

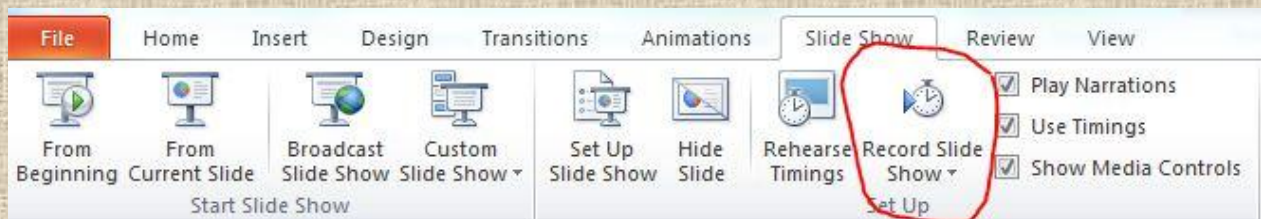
1. *BOCES Professional Library*: [<http://pnwboces.org/library/default.htm>]
2. *Powersearch Tool*: [http://find.galegroup.com/ips/start.do?userGroupName=nysl_me_put]
3. *Proquest*: [<http://proquest.umi.com/login>]
4. *EBSCO*: [http://pnwboces.org/library/Database_Search.htm]
5. *Wilson Web Omnifile*: [<http://hwwilsonweb.com>]
6. *Encyclopedias*:
World Book Online: <http://www.worldbookonline.com>
Groliers Online: <http://go.grolier.com>
7. *Discovery Streaming*: [<http://streaming.discoveryeducation.com/index.cfm>]

When you get a chance, check out these sites. You'll find videos, eBooks, articles, teaching resources, etc. Should you need a sign-in to access one of these sites, please contact a member of the Instructional Technology Team and they'll be happy to provide you with the username and password. Most of these resources can also be accessed through the School Library System's page at www.pnwboces.org/library.

Microsoft Quick Tip

Narration in PowerPoint Presentations

Narrating a PowerPoint is easier than you think with the new Microsoft 2010 suite. You (or your students) can record audio as you progress through the slides. The narration can be saved and used each time the file is opened. Make presentations/lectures reusable and portable! Let your lessons live on! This can be perfect for students who miss a class and/or students who would benefit from hearing a lecture again. Also, for oral presentations, students can record the audio ahead of time and present the narration. There's a *chance* students might practice their presentation a few times before recording it.



"Teachers need to integrate technology seamlessly into the curriculum instead of viewing it as an add-on, an afterthought, or an event."

- Heidi Hayes Jacobs



Clip of the Month

Shift Happens: Educational (Technology) Reform

<http://youtu.be/xl7yozHNHek>

Many of you have probably already seen this one. It's been around for a while and was circulated through many emails. It poses the question, *"What do we (as teachers) need to do, to equip this generation with skills that are actually going to be useful for when they grow up?"*

Every Minute Counts! “Filler Websites”

Back in the ice ages, teachers had an arsenal of activities to soak up time if a student finished an assignment early. Nowadays, educators keep a list of approved “filler sites” for students to go to if they finish an assignment a minute or two early. Perhaps this will help quell their urge to find every possible proxy server that will allow for them to get onto Facebook? They might learn something along the way, too! Try these sites...

Free Rice

www.freerice.com

Visitors to the site answer questions on chosen topics (Art, Chemistry, Language, English, Geography, Math). For every correct answer, the World Food Program donates 10 grains of rice to help end world hunger.



Save the Words

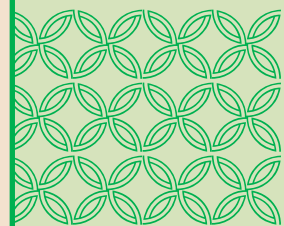
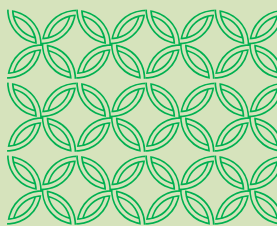
www.savethewords.org

Scroll through a variety of words and choose which ones you’d like to adopt. The site is visually appealing and comical.

Know Your States

<http://iimspages.com/States.htm>

An interactive Flash based map. Students can challenge themselves to see how many states they can place correctly on a map of the US.



Crunch Time

As of April 25th, there are only 35 days of classes left in the school year. It's getting to be about that time...time to start reviewing for final and Regents exams. Here are some sites for you to use in class (or direct your students to use while at home). Many of you already use these sites, but just in case...

Regents Review 2.0

http://www.regentsreviewlive.net/watch_regentsreview.html

Regents Exam Prep Center

<http://www.regentsprep.org/>

Khan Academy [Math and Science]

www.khanacademy.org

Test Taking Tips

www.testtakingtips.com



Fox Meadow Instructional Technology Committee Taking the Show on the Road

The group presented at the BOCES Wide Technology Committee meeting on April 11, 2011. We shared our mission, a glimpse of the 21st Century student, and our collaborative goals towards the use of Instructional Technology. Some favorite tools were demonstrated (and appeared to be enjoyed by all).

Next stop...NYSPEED Conference [May 3, 2011]! If you get a chance, stop by and see the group present our workshop titled *"Teaching the iGeneration: Using Technology to Increase Student Motivation"* being conducted in both the AM and PM sessions.



<http://misc.thefullwiki.org/1>